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## Britain's Attitude To A Pacific Pact

London, Mar. 7.

Talk of a Pacific Pact was revived here today by reports that the United States has promised Australia and New Zealand that some arrangement for their security would be made when the Japanese peace treaty was completed.

Official quarters attached significance to the appointment of Mr Percy Spender, Australian Minister for External Affairs, as Ambassador to Washington. They said this showed the importance Australia attached to the need for such a pact.

Mr Spender was understood to have told Mr John Foster Dulles, Republican adviser to the State Department in Canberra, recently that Australia would consent to Japanese rearmament only if it were kept within the framework of a Pacific Pact or if Australia received an American guarantee against revived Japanese aggression.

Hitherto Britain has not paid much attention to the Pacific Pact on the grounds that the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation should first be put in working order. It is understood, however, that Britain now believes the time has come for Southeast Asian defence arrangements to take shape and plans are being made for consultations on the question to be held in London, probably in May this year.

In this connection, Mr Malcolm MacDonald, Commissioner General for Southeast Asia, has been called to London from Malaya. Mr MacDonald arrived by air yesterday, accompanied by General Sir John Harding, British ground troops commander in Southeast Asia.

THREE FORMS In the British viewpoint, there are three possible forms of Pacific Pact.

1. An overall Pacific Pact. The British argument against this is that it would include some "doubtful allies" and would also be opposed by India.

2. An "island" pact between America, Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia and the Philippines. This would omit the economically important countries of Malaya, Burma, India, Pakistan and Ceylon and would raise new problems about Formosa.

3. A pact between America, Britain, Australia and New Zealand only. In this case, France and Holland would doubtless object to their interests in Indo-China and Indonesia being excluded, officials said.

The Australian idea is that Japan's revived arm should be formed into combat teams without a General Staff but be put at the disposal of the Supreme Commander under a defence system comparable to General Dwight Eisenhower's North Atlantic command.—United Press.

## Death Sentence For Pres. Truman's Would-Be Assassin

Washington, March 7.

The death verdict was returned today against Oscar Collazo, 37, survivor of the two Puerto Ricans who tried to shoot their way through President Harry Truman's guards last November.

A Federal Court jury convicted him on two counts of first degree murder. Each carries a mandatory sentence of execution in the electric chair.

One count charged Collazo and a companion Puerto Rican nationalist, Grisello Torresola, attempted to break into President Truman's residence, Blair House, with intent to kill the President or anyone who might be guarding him.

## BRITON'S WIFE MENACED

Manila, Mar. 8.

The police today posted a heavy guard at the residence of the murdered shipping lines executive, Mr Francis Gispert, after his widow disclosed that she had been receiving death threats in the past four days.

The disclosure came as the police continued to make little headway in their efforts to solve the killing of Gispert.

Gispert, manager of the Associated Shipping Lines, was shot dead one week ago today as he ascended the stairs to his third-floor office in the Manila Port Terminal building.

Mrs Carmen Nicholson Gispert told the police she had been receiving calls on the telephone as well as anonymous letters, threatening her and her family with death unless they abstained from giving information to the police. The letters which were made up of words clipped from newspapers, were turned over to the police.

The police, meanwhile, released all suspects in the case after a night of alibis had been established. Investigators working on the case remained silent on latest developments.—United Press.

## Anglo-Burmese Relations

London, Mar. 7.

Foreign Secretary Mr Ernest Bevin, in a written reply to Mr Walter Fletcher (Conservative of Bury), said on Wednesday that British relations with Burma are at present governed by the defence agreement annexed to the treaty of independence of October 17, 1947. No new military agreement with Burma is contemplated, Mr Bevin said, nor has any approach been made in this connection to the British government.—Associated Press.

## Offensive Maintained

### GAINS OF UP TO 4 MILES Heavy Casualties Inflicted

Tokyo, Mar. 8.

Allied troops surged forward across a wide Korean front this morning in the second day of an offensive which yesterday chalked up gains of two to four miles and inflicted 11,039 enemy casualties according to Eighth Army estimates.

The US 25th Division which smashed across the Han River at three points east of Seoul claimed 5,250 casualties in its sector alone. The US 24th Division, which sent a battalion to the top of the mist-shrouded "Dragon Door" mountain claimed another 2,300.

The offensive moved out on Wednesday morning behind the most powerful artillery barrage of the Korean war, one which would rank high among those of any war. The earth-shaking fire drenched Communist positions with steel and explosives which reduced the enemy's will to fight in many places.

Hundreds of Allied warplanes soared a path ahead of the advancing troops. Gen. MacArthur announced that they registered gains of from two to three miles near the junction of the Han and Pukhan rivers, where the 25th Division leaped the Han and three to four miles in the Yangpyong and Yonduri areas, where the US 24th and First Cavalry divisions and a British Commonwealth brigade struck.

The Allies were on the offensive all across the west central and central fronts from 15 miles east of Seoul to the Amnong area, a distance of 65 miles.

On the east flank, the Red Jarrow ROK Seventh Division cracked back three miles in the east coast mountains and at one point on the west central front the counter-attacking Chinese drove the ROK Sixth Division back 2,000 yards. Elsewhere, the Allies made healthy gains and more important inflicted heavy casualties. Gen. MacArthur's morning communiqué said reports indicated that Wednesday's casualties "were among the highest of the campaign."

Gen. MacArthur's communiqué said that UN naval aircraft mounted more than 100 missions on Wednesday against enemy targets on the east coast to supplement the bombardment staged by surface units on key transportation facilities and troop concentrations. Off the west coast of Korea, British and United States cruisers supported the general advance of UN ground forces by striking enemy positions and supply dumps.—United Press.

## ON TOP OF MOUNTAIN

With 24th Division on the Western Central Sector, Mar. 8. American infantrymen of the 24th Division struck northward again today at 7 a.m. continuing an attack so fierce that the Chinese Communists have been forced to impress military police and other security troops to meet it.

Air reconnaissance reports this morning confirmed that American troops now are on the top of the "Dragon Door" mountain. Americans were dug in this morning in positions commanding a vast surrounding area behind the Communist lines.

A fire fight on the southeast slope of the mountain, was observed from the air this morning but it was too early to learn the results.

By-passed Chinese were dug in around two temples on the high slopes of "Dragon Door" and around a third temple further down the slopes. Part of the job of the troops who kicked off this morning was to root them out.

Chinese defending along the west central front launched counter-attacks throughout the night, driving the South Korean troops of the Sixth Division back 2,000 yards on their right flank.

Additional artillery support was given to the ROK troops. Other counter-attacks against American troops were repulsed during the night. One was made by about 100 Chinese and there were other small attacks which were repulsed. The Red used some anti-aircraft guns at night. The Chinese are known to possess only small

## Russian Arms Expenditure

Moscow, Mar. 7.

Russian Finance Minister Arseny G. Zverev presented to the Supreme Soviet today a budget calling for an arms expenditure of 96,350,000,000 roubles in 1951. That is 16,976,000 more roubles than 1950.

Prime Minister Stalin made an appearance at the session of the Soviet Parliament, heading a group of Politburo members present for the important session.

The Russians value their rouble at 25 US cents. At this rate the Soviet military appropriation would be equivalent to \$2,408,000,000, as compared with \$19,850,000,000 the Supreme Soviet approved at its last budget session last June.—Associated Press.

## GIs For Europe Approved

### Senate Committees Make Decision

Washington, Mar. 7. Two Senate Committees on Wednesday approved sending "our fair share" of American troops to Europe.

The Foreign Relations and Armed Services committees, sitting jointly, adopted the major provisions of an Administration resolution still awaiting their final approval. This may come tomorrow.

The committees also approved the selection of General Dwight D. Eisenhower as Supreme Commander of the Allied Army in Europe.

As the resolution stands, the House would not be cut in on the decision. The resolution would give Senate sanction to the dispatch of armed forces for joint defense of the North Atlantic area.

SHARP DIVISIONS Wednesday's decision was made by the Foreign Relations and Armed Services committees on a resolution by the two chairmen, Tom Connally, Texas Democrat, and Richard B. Russell, Georgia Democrat.

When a stable majority of the committee appeared to go along with increasing American ground forces in Europe, there were sharp divisions on the question of restricting Presidential freedom of action. This immediately appeared with the first vote.

Backers of the Connally-Russell resolution won this by a narrow 13-11 vote.

This blocked off any move in the committee to make a two-House approach to the problem. Connally has fought this as meaning a delay at a critical time.

Sen. Connally, however, said he would accept an amendment devised to compromise differences on this point.—Associated Press.

MANPOWER LIMIT Washington, Mar. 7. The US Senate today voted for a manpower limit of 4,000,000 United States armed forces. That gives the military half a million more men than they have talked about needing, but applies a curb which they have said might be a danger in emergency.

The ceiling provision was written into a pending bill for a draft of 18-year-old now and universal military training in the future.

The action followed a brief, sharp debate over whether there should be any formal limit at all in this time of international tension. It came shortly after the High Command, led by Secretary of Defense George C. Marshall, had asked military leaders to protect against a proposal to make the limit still lower.—Associated Press.

## Gromyko's Offer To Big Three

Paris, Mar. 7.

Russia's Andrei Gromyko on Wednesday offered to put an Austrian peace treaty on a Foreign Minister Council agenda if the West will "fulfill" the Italian peace treaty clauses on Trieste, official sources reported.

The Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister and the three Western delegates wrangled over technicalities and interpretations for three-and-a-half hours.

Once again, little if any progress appeared to have been made towards drafting an agenda.

Mr Philip Jessup, US delegate to the session of Deputy Foreign Ministers here, answered Mr Gromyko by saying the United States could not accept any conditions for putting the Austrian issue on the agenda.

Mr Jessup added, however, that Russia could advance the question of whether or not the West had fulfilled its Italian peace treaty obligations as a separate agenda item.

Mr Gromyko repeated the Soviet charge that Trieste is being developed as an Anglo-American military base, according to officials who attended Wednesday's session.

The deputies are meeting to draft an agenda for a possible Foreign Ministers' meeting later in Washington. Whether they would discuss the long-pending Austrian treaty has developed as an East-West issue since the meetings started here on Monday.—Associated Press.

## Military Stalemate Warning

### Gen. MacArthur's Assessment

From Cyril Aynsley

Korean Front, Mar. 7.

General MacArthur ingeniously told war correspondents in a tent on the Suwon airstrip today that he had jotted down some notes in his aircraft on the way from Tokyo to the front.

"I would like to read you them," he told us.

It is known now, of course, that there was nothing in the notes but the composition of those notes. They had been shrewdly prepared and he kept strictly to the text.

He read at dictation speed so that there could be no mistakes. His field commander, General Ridgway, who no more looks his 58 years than MacArthur looks his 71, leaned against the table on the General's left and listened intently.

Chief significance of the General's remarks was the fact that the United Nations forces in their present strength couldn't defeat the Chinese in Korea.

As he came down to this hard core of "notes jotted down in the aircraft" he didn't alter his tone, nor emphasis, of his voice.

Inside the tent a score of correspondents' pencils rustled against paper. Outside, the scream of thunderbolt sweeping down the runway whistled the air. And when he had finished there it was in black and white.

THE WARNING Assuming no diminution of the enemy's flow of ground forces, and limited to the Korean peninsula, the continuation of the existing limitation upon our freedom of counter-offensive action, and our organizational strength, the battle line cannot fall to time to reach a point of theoretical military stalemate between our forces and the advances which militarily benefit the enemy from their it would, our side.

Now this was solidifying in an authoritative manner what many minor people like soldiers and war correspondents have been thinking for some time. While General MacArthur was speaking, United Nations forces, not many miles away, continued an offensive against (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

## Grenada Crisis Ended

St George, Grenada, British West Indies, Mar. 7.

The Governor, Sir Robert Arundell, who returned from a holiday in London on Wednesday, lifted a fortnight's state of emergency imposed in Grenada following recent violence and bloodshed here.

However, violence is continuing in the interior with bands of from 50 to 100 roving the countryside cutting telephone wires and felling trees across the roads.

The Governor ordered young negro labour leader Eric Garry to be released from prison and then conferred with him at the Executive House.

Garry later ordered the sugar workers and scavengers to end their strike and resume work.—Associated Press.

## NZ WOOL SALES STOPPED

Wellington, Mar. 7.

New Zealand's Marketing Minister, Mr Keith Holyoake, announced today the indefinite postponement of all wool sales because of the 17-day waterfront strikes.

He said that the action had been taken on the advice of buyers' representatives. Sales this week at Auckland and Wanganui had already been postponed.—Reuter.

## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### A Gratiifying Budget

SIR Geoffrey Follows yesterday presented his last Hongkong Budget, and if we may say so with respect, it can be counted as his most workmanlike and realistic assessment. To the taxpayers who, knowing full well that 1951-52 would make heavy expenditure demands, and recognising the possibility of a drop in revenue because of the American trade restrictions, the Budget is highly gratifying. The Financial Secretary has been able to provide for appropriations totalling \$233,465,197 without making any further inroads into the individual pocket either by direct or indirect taxation. Government's only new source of income will be from the Business Registration Tax, approved last year, but not then applied. And even in this respect a concession is made, the tax being lowered from \$300 to \$200. The Financial Secretary is in the unique position of being able to rely on normal sources to provide him with sufficient revenue not only to meet an all-time record original estimate of expenditure, but to give him an estimated surplus of nearly \$14 million. Sir Geoffrey certainly ends his distinguished association with Hongkong on a high note of successful achievement. For the Colony's astonishing resuscitation in the course of five years the Financial Secretary gracefully pays tribute to the "commercial community for their resourcefulness and to our leading bankers for their faith in the future, and their readiness to take risks when they were called upon to finance the work of rehabilitation." Nevertheless, Sir Geoffrey himself has played no small part in the building up of the Colony's impressive financial position. If he has displayed ultra-conservatism in making provision for annual

revenue, he has at the same time shown outstanding accuracy in estimating expenditure and he has always had a ready eye for economies in the interest of the public purse. The Colony remains grateful for Sir Geoffrey's guiding hand and will always recall with deep satisfaction the manner in which he filled his high and exacting office. The 1951-52 Budget ranks as one of the least controversial in the Colony's recent history. It is sound and sane; takes due note of inescapable increases in expenditure, at the same time showing faith in Hongkong's ability to produce corresponding revenue. It is a matter for regret that it is necessary to spend so much money on defence and security, but, as His Excellency the Governor very rightly observes, Hongkong, unfortunately for itself, is largely dependent on events outside the Colony, and it can do little to control them. We are thus faced with no alternative but to maintain our defence and security at appropriate levels, accepting philosophically the fact that this means a severe drain on our financial resources. All that the taxpayer asks is that the money be spent wisely, and there is every reason to believe that Government is doing so. Two outstanding features of the Budget speech were the announcement of the creation of a development fund to be capitalised from the Department of Trade and Supplies profits, and the disclosure that Government has worked out a five-year development programme. These are innovations which will call for separate comment. In the meantime Government wins congratulations for Estimates that are certain to meet with general approval. It will probably rank as the most popular Budget ever introduced in Hongkong.

## Vietnam Takes Over Customs

Saigon, Mar. 7.

Vietnam's Acting Finance Minister, Duong Tan Tai, today took over the administration of the Customs department from the French authorities in accordance with conventions signed last December.

The conventions granted Vietnam internal independence as an associated state within the French Union.

The Customs was the third department for which the Vietnamese Government has recently assumed responsibility.

Revenue in the last fiscal year was 2,000 million piastres (about \$24,000,000).—Reuter.

## STOP PRESS

### Des Voeux Rd Shooting Trial Verdict

In the Supreme Court at noon today the accused in the Des Voeux Road shooting case was found guilty, and sentenced to death by Mr Justice Gaud.

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## Preparing For Emergencies

London, Mar. 7.  
Sixty ships are to be brought out of reserve to serve this year, Mr. James Callaghan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, said today. He told the House of Commons that they would include two destroyers, two frigates, three submarines, eight ocean and seagoing minesweepers, two fast minelayers and 21 smaller craft.

Mr. Callaghan, who was replying to questions, said that dual purpose weapons for the defensive armament of merchant ships had been accumulated and were suitably distributed throughout Britain and the Commonwealth. He was satisfied that the stocks of these guns were adequate.—Reuter.

## AMAZING SPEEDS POSSIBLE

Cleveland, Ohio, Mar. 7.  
Scientists working in multi-million dollar laboratories here admitted today that they are making tests that may lead to the design of aircraft capable of flying twice the speed of sound. The laboratories are those of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics located on the west end of Cleveland Municipal Airport.

Emphasis is put on aircraft propelled by the turbo jet engine, a type of engine which employs the use of a compressor to feed air into the combustion chamber where power for forward thrust is manufactured. Scientists here have some expensive tools to make their tests of how the engine would perform at a 60-, 70- or 80,000 feet altitude where there is virtually no oxygen and where the temperature is as low as 100 degrees below zero. They no longer talk of speed as fast as sound—about 660 miles an hour in higher altitude. They talk of speeds of 1,200 to 1,500 miles per hour and the possibility of planes that will travel automatically with no pilot aboard.

An important tool is the world's largest supersonic wind tunnel—a frightening piece of engineering through which winds travelling at twice the speed of sound roar against model "subjects" such as a model supersonic plane to determine whether conditions are proper for such speeds and shock waves.

The "icing house" at the laboratory can simulate flying conditions at any altitude up to 12 to 15 miles and even higher. Scientists can peer through windows into the "deep freeze" chambers and watch how the wings or nose of a supersonic plane flying at extremely high altitudes and at a speed twice the speed of sound would "ice up."—United Press.

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# "Big Four" Deputies Make Little Progress In Paris Meeting

Paris, Mar. 7.  
The Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr Andrei Gromyko, exchanged accusation and counter-accusation with the three Western deputies over the failure to reach agreement on an Austrian peace treaty here today.

## Love Tangle Of Malayan Princess

Penang, Mar. 8.  
A rich Malayan prince came to Penang today to seek legal advice on his 19-year-old daughter's request to marry an English engineering student in London.

The Prince, the Tengku Yahya, brother of the Sultan of Kedah, had threatened to disown the girl, Princess Zabariah, if her marriage to a Christian goes through.

The Princess, a niece of one of the wealthiest and most powerful figures in Malaya, had been working in a London office for a modest salary under the plain name of Joyce Hamid. Her mother was English.

Tuan Sheikh Mahmood, President of the Kedah Council for Religious Affairs and Malay Customs, told Reuter today that a Moslem girl could only marry a Moslem. If a Christian wanted to marry her then he must first be converted to the Islam faith.—Reuter.

## General Implicated In Plot

Prague, Mar. 7.  
General Zdenek Novak, army commander in Moravia, has been arrested in connection with the alleged plot to overthrow the Communist regime led by the former Foreign Minister, Vladimir Clementis, reliable sources said today.

The sources said that Novak, 60, a regular Army soldier who led a party of underground fighters against the German during the occupation, was arrested last year in a general round-up of Party, Government and Army officials in Moravia.

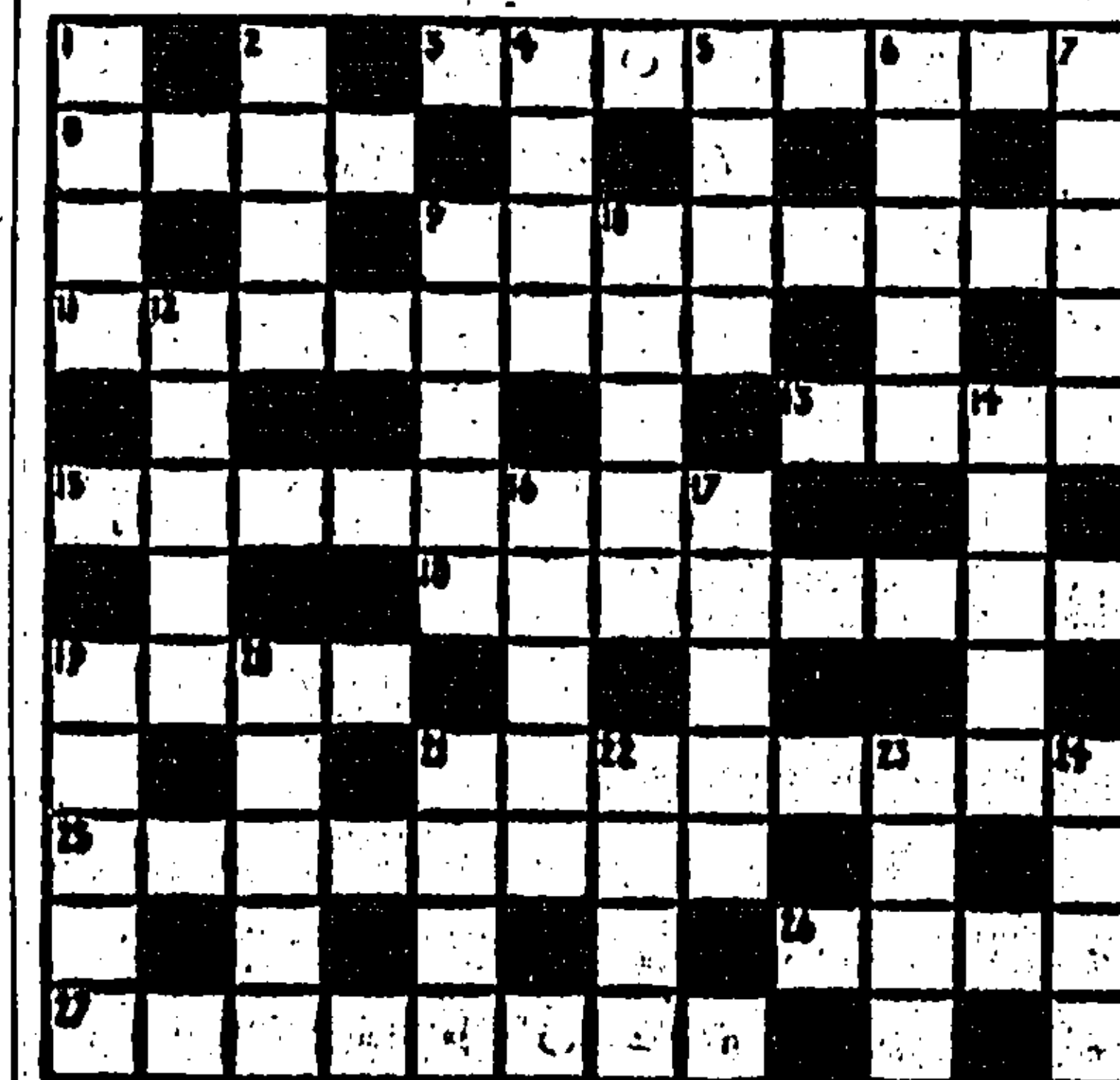
They said that Novak, whose headquarters were in Brno, where Otto Sling, alleged to be co-leader of the plot, was head of the district party organisation, had been head of the plotting in the Czech Army.—United Press.

## Stalin Attends

Moscow, Mar. 7.  
Josef Stalin attended today's joint session of the Supreme Soviet at which the Soviet budget was discussed.

He was loudly cheered for several minutes by the assembled Deputies.—Reuter.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



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|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 3 Wealthy.                  | 1 Clutch.          |
| 6 Origin.                   | 2 Jol.             |
| 8 Drives back.              | 4 Worry.           |
| 11 Felled.                  | 5 Woley.           |
| 13 Whirlpool.               | 6 Relieved.        |
| 15 Bold.                    | 7 Savoury.         |
| 18 Throw of a cricket ball. | 8 Scolded.         |
| 19 Transaction.             | 10 Danger.         |
| 21 Gave.                    | 12 Weapon.         |
| 23 Prudent.                 | 14 Lament.         |
| 25 Speechless.              | 16 Quisquid.       |
| 27 Omnious.                 | 17 Turr.           |
|                             | 18 Pops.           |
|                             | 20 Crime.          |
|                             | 21 Branches.       |
|                             | 22 Grant.          |
|                             | 23 Stern.          |
|                             | 24 Strikes gently. |

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## Teheran Murder Reaction

London, Mar. 7.  
The assassination of the Persian Prime Minister, General Ali Razmara, has caused concern among officials here because it may prejudice the approval of a new oil agreement with Britain.

General Razmara was regarded as a champion of the existing oil arrangements under which the British Government owns a big interest in Persian oil.

Recently he publicly opposed proposals backed by a sizable section in the Majlis (Persian Parliament) to nationalise the oil interests. He backed the present agreement between the Persian Government and the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company as beneficial to both countries.

Observers here fear that the assassination may strengthen the forces pressing for nationalisation.—Reuter.

**SERIOUS LOSS**  
Washington, Mar. 7.  
The Acting Secretary of State, Mr James Webb, today described the assassination of General Ali Razmara as a serious loss to the cause of freedom and social justice in the world.

In a statement read to a Press conference today, Mr Webb said: "I wish to express the State Department's profound shock at the assassination of the Persian Prime Minister, General Ali Razmara. The Prime Minister was devoted to maintaining the independence of his country and to accomplishing social and economic reforms in the face of great difficulties."

"His brutal murder is a serious loss to the cause of freedom and social justice in the world."—Reuter.

**NEHRU'S MESSAGE**  
New Delhi, Mar. 7.  
The Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, today sent a message to the Persian Foreign Minister expressing India's and his own "sincere and profound shock at the dastardly assassination" of General Ali Razmara and conveying sympathy to the Premier's family.—Reuter.

**SON IN U.S.**  
Syracuse, New York, Mar. 7.  
The son of the assassinated Persian Premier, General Ali Razmara, is a student at Syracuse University. The young, 20-year-old Norvart Razmara, entered Syracuse College of Mechanical Engineering last autumn.

The University said that it had not been able to locate the student and did not know if he had been notified of his father's death.—Reuter.

## Anglo-Italian Naval Games

Rome, Mar. 7.  
Admiral Forrest Sherman, United States Chief of Naval Operations, conferred here today with the Italian military authorities. Admiral Sherman may leave for Athens tomorrow.

It is learned that light British naval forces will join Italian warships in naval and aerial manoeuvres in the Ionian Sea. The exercises would be under the overall command of Italian Admiral Gorgo Giraldi.—Reuter.

## Assam Shock

Johrat, Mar. 7.  
An earthquake shock, as severe as that which devastated large areas of Assam last year, was felt here at 1 a.m. local time today.

It lasted two minutes but there were no reports of damage.—Reuter.

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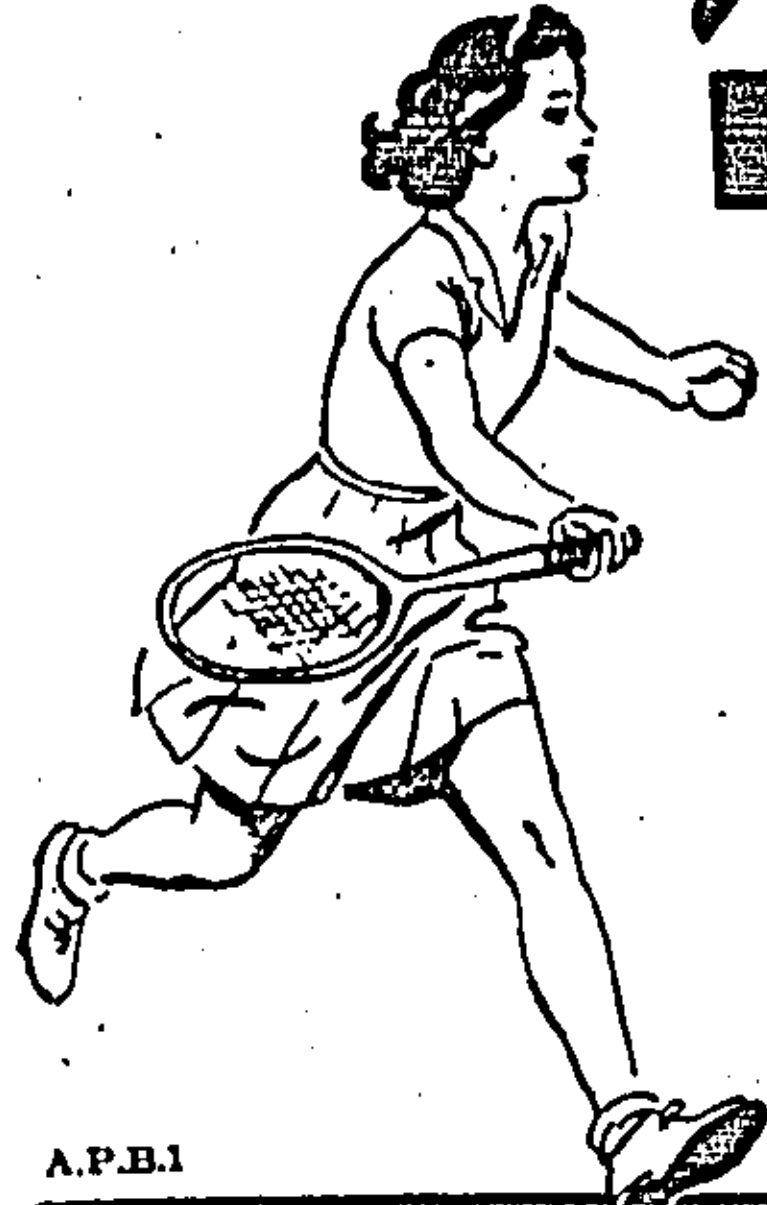
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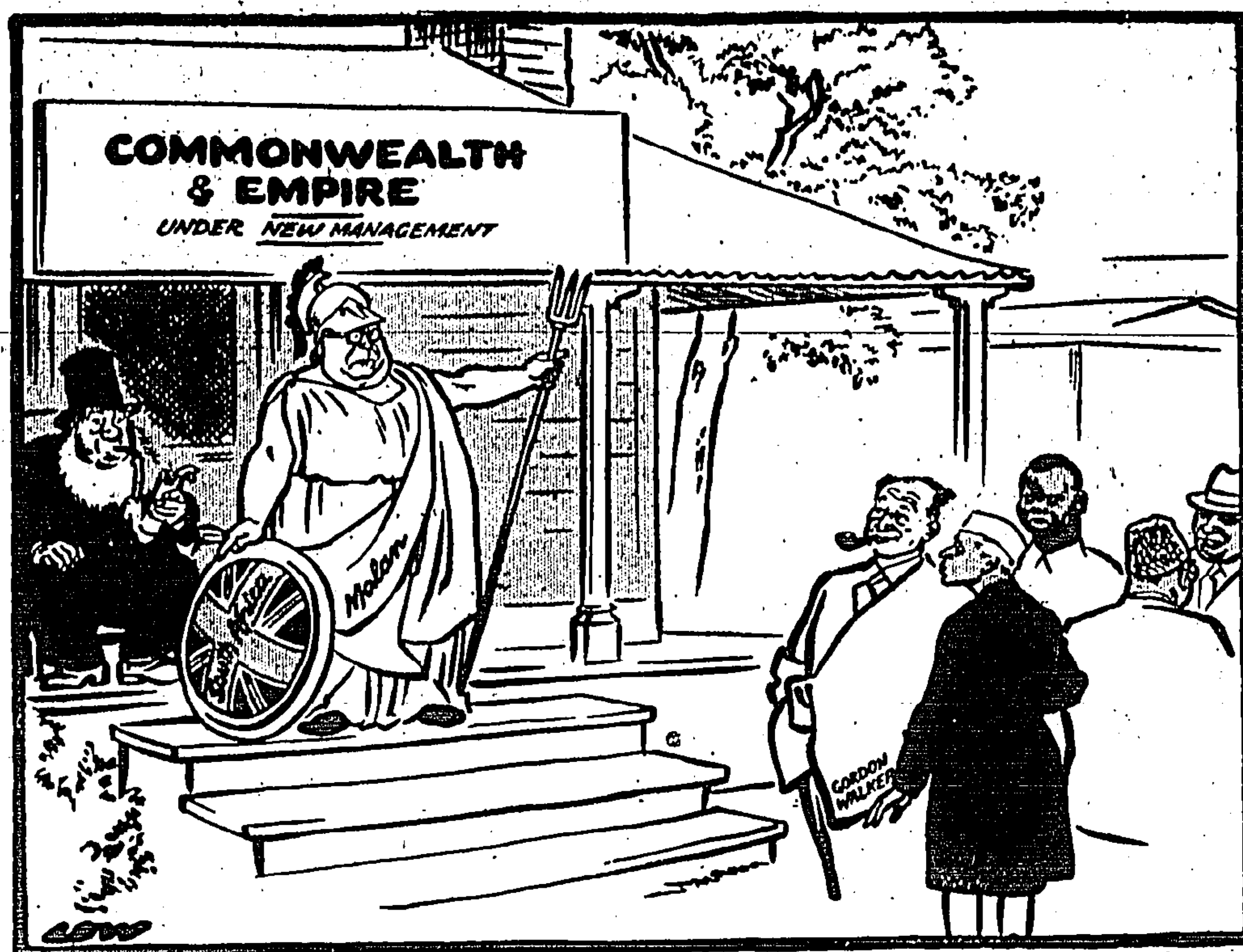
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## Column-in-the-Wars Replies to the Critics

NEW YORK

**DON IDDON'S DIARY**

TUESDAY

**I**RISE to defend myself. An American commentator in London, Paul Niven, broadcasting to millions here, charges me with "indicting" the U.S. correspondents who cover Britain.

Nothing of the sort. I said a catalogue of calamity is pouring out of London about the grim conditions and discontent in England. So it is—everyone here who can read knows that.

I also said that the accuracy of the American correspondents in London was "unquestionable." Perhaps Mr. Niven read the word as "questionable." Really, he should read me more carefully before rushing to the microphone.

I am also under fire at the Dutch Treat Club, a luncheon club here which entertains distinguished guests. Last week the chairman rose, waved a paper carrying an account of the harsh questioning of Sir Gladwyn Jebb recently, and said he didn't know "who Don Iddon was, but what about the off-the-record rule?"

**Press still free**

**I**AM familiar with the rule and did not break it, as I was not present at the luncheon, am not member of the club, and I did not quote anyone.

Finally, to round out the bill of complaints, there has been a series of letters in the paper from Americans, insisting that I cease championing Britain and refrain from criticizing the United States.

Who do all these people think I am? An admiral? A Socialist politician? I advise good American friends and allies that they may be running everything else, but they are not yet running British newspapers, writing my column, or censoring my views.

Of course, it may happen next week. After the Royal Navy, the British newspaper, what a lowly and humiliating state we have reached under the Labour Government.

**What next?**

**N**O wonder the Americans assume that they are in charge of the whole show. Any day now I expect them to name the Chief Constable of our police, replace Scotland Yard with the F.B.I., take over the Fire Brigade, the Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Rover Boys, and Brownies. I do not blame them for such proprietary assumptions. We have been bowing and scraping and banging our heads to the the generous and powerful Republic ever since Mr. Attlee took office!

We are so much the junior partner that we appear mild and muddled ones at their luncheon. I make one request. When the American publishers and editors move into Fleet Street, please tell me in advance. The newspapermen in the small American towns at least are most friendly and co-operative.

Someone like Edward Blake, Editor of the Jefferson Republican, would do well. He reprinted my recent Diary about Charles Town, West Virginia, and underneath wrote an editor's note:

"Don Iddon has a standing invitation to return to Charles Town and to Jefferson County."

and to delve further into American thought and action. So, to Don Iddon, get out of New York City, check up on rural America, and you can get the answer to a lot of questions and problems. (I told you our American friends would soon be trying to run our newspapers.)

Still, Mr. Blake's advice is sound and I do not resent it. The rural America is a big part of the real America.

**Good luck to him**

**O**NE young Englishman is going to try his luck there, anyway. He is Hugh Martin Waite, and he was a major in the Lancashire Fusiliers. He came to my office yesterday and said: "I read your column about Dallas, Texas, a month ago. The day I read it I decided to pack up and go there; I am on my way now with tiny capital but a lot of confidence."

Good luck to Major Waite. If the Americans are going to take over our Navy it is only fair that the British take over Texas.

Here in the Metropolis the great debate on foreign policy seems to have petered out. Most people this week have preferred to talk about local matters, the big sensation being bribery among basketball players.

Today New Yorkers are shocked and chagrined as they read gingerly among fallen idols' straw values. The gamblers have been putting the "fix" on star players, and palms that should have been catapulting the ball into the net have been greased with dirty money.

So there are to be investigations and probes and inquiries, just as Howard Whitman, an American journalist who worked in London, rocks the police department by charging that the New York police oppress statistics instead of crime.

All this is very embarrassing for big, bowler-hatted Tom Murphy, the new Police Commissioner.

Mr. Murphy is not the only one who has been having a hard time of it. The Duke and Duchess of Windsor (the Duchess is much better after her operation) are receiving an extraordinary press. Every little-tattler and tall-tale-teller has been printing wild gossip and broadcasting it too.

It has been most upsetting to both the Duke and Duchess. The simple truth is that the Duchess has not been well for several weeks, and at her husband's urging, has attended charity functions and dinner parties for needed relaxation while he has worked on his memoirs.

The Duke says: "We are happier now than when we were first married. The rumours of separation and discord are 100 per cent untrue and fallacious."

**Raid-conscious**

**T**HE Duke would like to assist in Civil Defence, and he would be useful. Don't let's let the preparations for

more advanced, and I have been approached by the chief warden on the sixth floor of the Associated Press building.

He said: "It's got to be one man's job to get the Daily Mail, Evening News, and Sunday Dispatch people out of this office and into the corridors away from the flying glass."

I asked: "When do you expect the flying glass?" He said: "When the bombs fall."

I said: "When is that?" He replied: "Who can tell—it's ready here, anyway."

This preoccupation with air raids and the Red terror is chilling. It has even spread to fashions. Bright Bolshevik red is the colour of the season.

Teddie Tinning, the British designer, has called on me, and he expects to make a lot of dollars for Britain. He says the British have the creative talent, but the Americans are superb copyists and mass-producers. Tinning says it—not me.

The latest in furs is skunk dyed blonde, scented like spring and looking like milk. In the entertainment parade it is the President's daughter

Margaret who is ahead of the crowd. Now 27, she is being paid £1,000 for each radio programme and £1,500 for each television appearance. She has signed a four-year contract and will make more money than her father, who has not yet promised not to write to the critics. Why not sign Miss Truman for the Palladium?

**Star reports**

**R**ICHARD GREENE tells me he intends to stay in New York for several months doing radio and television shows. The break with Patricia Medina is costing him plenty.

Whoever sent that appalling "British" film "No Orchids for Miss Blandish" over here? It is about as British as a hot-dog.

British television—comic Terry-Thomas is due here to play at the Waldorf-Astoria—and very welcome.

Gracie Fields is selling her Santa Monica home, in California, and will live most of the time on the Isle of Capri. She once invited me there, and I hope the invitation is still open, as I expect to be in Capri in the spring.

Merle Oberon, Mrs. Bing Crosby, Walt Disney, Florence Desmond, and Cecil Beaton are all Europe-bound.

Footnote: the proposed Atlantic appointment of an American admiral shows that Britain is suffering from yet another shortage—leadership.

**Racketeer 'runs second Cabinet'**

By SYDNEY SMITH

**W**ASHINGTON. Within the United States there exists a vast secret second government—"government by the underworld."

So a Senate committee reports. And according to the committee the head of it is Charles "Lucky" Luciano, the biggest racketeer of them all.

The organization has its own shadow cabinet, enforces its own laws, raises revenue, carries out its own executions.

Master-man Luciano runs it from Sicily. For he was deported from America in 1940 after serving ten years of a 30-year sentence in Sing-Sing.

Sicily is the island where he was born. He is married to a ballet dancer. His only business, so he says, is making spaghetti—to which he is devoted.

But what goes on in America? The Senate Committee estimates "conservatively" that \$7,142,840,000 changes hands every year in illegal gambling controlled by the underworld.

The American Army and Air Force did not cost half that last year.

The committee points out that millions have to be spent to make millions.

Such an organization is necessarily very complicated but the Senate Committee says that the empire of the underworld can be roughly divided into two parts.

First there is the Miami-Chicago axis run by the old Al Capone syndicate, headed now by ex-bottleleggers Tony Accardo, the Fishetti Brothers, and Jake Guzik.

The other axis is between Miami and New York. Here the high shots are Frank Costello and Joe Adonis.

Adonis is a big-time gambler, but not so big as Costello, a dapper Italian with a taste for extortion, chalk-stripe suits, and English cigarettes.

"But," says the report, "if there can be said to be one who sits as arbitrator of any disputes, it is Charles Luciano."

In its year of investigation the Senators called before them 500 witnesses, some light-lipped, some squealers, some more Runyonesque than Runyon.

There were Charley "Cherry Nose" Goe, Murray the Camel, Jack "Greasy Thumb" Goelick, Menall Jones, Frank "the Persuader" Niddy, Hymie "Loud Mouth" Leven, Sam "Golf Bag" Hunt—he always carried his tommygun in a golf bag. Concerned as it is over the revelations of vice, drug-peddling, gambling, violence, murder, extortion and the aiding of two State Governors in their election campaigns, the Senators add:

"This secret government of criminals is a serious menace which could, if not curbed, become the basis of a subversive movement which could wreck the foundation of this country."

What's going on

**And Lady Jane will serve you a cup of tea**

BY EPHRAIM HARDCASTLE

**T**HERE is a flurry of preparation in the stately homes of Britain. The lords and ladies who own them see good business ahead in Festival year.

Twenty years ago the prospect of trippers pouring over their estates would not have been welcome.

But, in 1931, "This way to the castle" is the cry. "Come on in and look around. Her grace—that's her standing by the door—will sell you a guide book. The duke will show you the pictures. Lady Jane will serve you tea; and Lord John will keep an eye on your car."

The Marchioness of Bath has been working on a new book about Longleat, her beautiful Elizabethan house in Wiltshire. She is a pioneer of house-showing, helping to bring in the thousands of pounds needed each year to keep enormous Longleat intact.

Meanwhile, 65 miles northeast of Longleat, the Duke of Marlborough is getting Blenheim Palace ready for an Easter opening.

He is lucky, for Blenheim is on the main tourist route between Oxford and the Cotswolds. Last year 100,000 people paid half a crown each to go in. Here, too, the inhabitants, as well as the historic treasures are on view.

The duke and duchess help to show visitors around. Lady Rosemary sells the books, and (bobby-soxers, please note) tall, fair-haired "Sonny," Marquis of Blandford, is sometimes there to lend a hand.

On Whit Monday he will be performing in a musical ride by the Household Cavalry in Blenheim Park.

Going north? Why not call in at Warwick Castle? The Earl of Warwick will be delighted to see you, and his house is a real knights-in-armor pile of towers and turrets.

North again? The Duke of Devonshire's Chatsworth lies on your route. Here, you may see the treasures of the Cavendish family, whose art collection is one of the finest in the world. But do not expect to see much of the family. They can still afford to be aloof.

There is another young duke who opens his home in the North—the Duke of Rutland. He owns two great houses, Haddon Hall, which will be open, and Belvoir Castle, which will not.

That makes three dukes in my first quick round-up, to say nothing of their Graces of Richmond, Sutherland, Norfolk, and Northumberland—and old hands at the business.

Royalty aside, there are only 26 dukes in the British peerage. So you see that, as a class, they could not be called set in their ways.

**To run hotels**

**S**INCE Lord Inman's retirement on January 15, the British Railways Hotels Executive has been without a chairman. Now I can tell you that a man has been found for the job. He is industrialist Sir Harry Methven.

Sir Harry, who has served on the Executive since 1948, has accepted the chairmanship on a temporary and part-time basis. He says, too, that he intends to run the business at a profit.

**Confounded**

**C**ASUAL acquaintances of Don Miguel, Duke of Primo de Rivera, who is coming to London as Spanish Ambassador, sometimes express surprise at his advancement in public life. He is a gay, and cheery soul, a joker who does not always give the impression of taking life too seriously. But in fact he is a very capable man.

One day, in 1941, he was unexpectedly summoned by Franco. His friends teasingly told him that he was in for a sticky interview. Instead, he was pleasantly surprised to be made Minister of Agriculture.

And he turned the tables on his friends—mostly landed grandees—when, later in the day, he went along to meet them for cocktails. In despairing tones he told them that all their estates were in peril. The frightened aristocrats clamoured for information. Eventually Don Miguel told them, in a voice of doom: "I have just been made Minister of Agriculture."

**Briefing 'Boom'**

**T**HE TOP Allied fighter-pilot of the last war, Wing-Commander James Edgar "Johnny" Johnson (D.S.O. and two bars, D.F.C. and bar), has been in London reporting to Service chiefs on his experiences in Korea with the U.S. Air Force.

The day before, he was due to fly back to America, where he has been on detachment since 1948, his telephone rang. A booming voice at the other end said:

"Is that Johnson, the Johnson from Korea?" Johnny agreed that it was. "Well, I want you to have lunch with me in the House of Lords tomorrow. My name is Trenchard."

And so it was that the 78-year-old father and founder of the Royal Air Force (whose activities in the last 12 months include a seven-mile-high flight in the Comet, and a 600-miles-an-hour flip in a two-seater jet fighter) brought himself up to date on the latest aspects of air tactics.

The first time the two men ever met was a less cheerful occasion. It was in 1942, Johnny was commanding a fighter squadron in the Midlands. "Boom" Trenchard was flying North in a transport plane.

One of Johnny's pilots, on a practice flight in a Spitfire, was in a playful mood, and started "buzzing" the big plane.

Diving dangerously close he fouled the transport's trailing petrol, and Lord Trenchard's pilot was forced to land—an the field from which the offending Spitfire had come.

Johnny (33 victories over German planes) rates the subsequent interview as his most frightening experience in the war.

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## Colony Badminton Championships

## TOP-SEEDED UNIVERSITY PAIR SURVIVES ANOTHER THREE-SET ORDEAL

By "ARGONAUT"

Top-seeded Hooi Seng-tuck and Tan Leong-hong of University survived another three-set ordeal in last night's Badminton Championship match to enter the semi-final of the Men's Junior Doubles event.

The youthful Recreio pair of A. J. Remedios and T. E. Rodrigues, after losing the first set, made a sparkling comeback in the second, only to fall prey to their own errors and the fine attacking game of their opponents.

In the first set, the Portuguese pair came from behind at 2-4 to take the lead at 7-4, but a weak defence caused their failure to withstand the accurate smashes of the favourites, who took the set at 15-10.

The losers were seen at their best in the second set.

Taking the offensive, they forced the underdogs into the retrieving end and with Remedios finding his touch with

good dropshots and Rodrigues' artillery of smashes going into full action, they led 12-1, 13-3 and finally won the set at 15-7. After leading 2-1 in the final set, the Recreio pair threw away four valuable services, allowing their opponents to creep up to 9-2 and 9-3.

Fifteen scoreless services by both sides followed, with the underdogs trying to break the deadlock by adding two more points to their score.

Both Remedios and Rodrigues, who had adopted the short service with effective results in the second set, cracked up in their services after a few rushes from their opponents, and taking to the high service, spelt their own doom.

Supplied with continuous smash openings, the underdogs made full use of them to romp home comfortably by 15-6.

In the other three matches, the favourites proved too strong for the challengers.

**TODAY'S GAMES**  
The last five quarter-final round matches will be played off at Craigengower this evening.

## Commission Judges

## Famechon Was Hurt And Bewildered

Cincinnati, Mar. 7.

The City Boxing Commission on Wednesday ruled that Ray Famechon was "hurt and bewildered, and unknowingly quit" when he suffered a technical knockout last night.

By a three-to-two vote, the Commission released Famechon's purse of \$4,200.

Lew Burston, Famechon's American manager, said: "I would like to thank you, gentlemen, for not putting a stigma on him of knowingly quitting."

Dr. Walter Phillips, the Commission physician, said it was quite possible that the blows which Famechon received caused him to be confused.

**NO REAL REASON**  
Referee Tony Wardlaw told the Commission: "There was no real reason to disqualify him (Famechon) because in my opinion he was hurt and bewildered, and unknowingly quit."

Burston said he concurred with this, adding: "Mr. Burgin does not throw cream puffs" (Young negro Eddie Burgin caused a sensation in beating Famechon).—Associated Press.

## Czechs Win The Swaythling Cup

Vienna, Mar. 7.

Czechoslovakia tonight retained the world's title for the best men's table-tennis team. Playing a dogged battle against Hungary in the final for the Swaythling Cup, Czechoslovakia's team won the 18th World Table Tennis Championship.—Associated Press.

## Davidsson Beats Budge Patty

Cairo, Mar. 7.

Sweden's young star, Sven Davidsson, pulled the biggest upset of the Egyptian International Lawn Tennis Championships today when he beat the Wimbledon Champion, Budge Patty of the United States, 6-1, 12-10, 6-2 in the quarter-final.

In the other quarter-final match, Felicissimo Ampon of the Philippines beat Robert Abdelmal of France 2-6, 7-5, 6-1, 6-2.—United Press.

## Wales Beats Ireland 2-1 In Soccer International

Belfast, Northern Ireland, Mar. 7.

Wales beat Ireland in a soccer international here today by two goals to one and so relegated the Irishmen to the bottom place in the international table.

Ireland have lost all three of their internationals this season, while Wales were beaten twice before today. England and Scotland, who each beat Ireland and Wales, have yet to meet to decide the Home International Championship.

Conditions today were bad, with play beginning in drizzling rain and a bad light. Ireland were the first to attack after winning the toss but Wales went ahead after eight minutes when Clarke scored after a defensive blunder.

They led by that score at half-time but had survived one or two dangerous raids by the home side.

CARRIED ON

Hinton, Ireland's goalkeeper, dislocated a finger when in collision just before the interval, but it was put in place by the trainer and he carried on in goal.

Seven minutes after the interval, Ireland were level, Simpson heading in a perfect goal from Graham's centre.

Attacks at both ends were beaten off by good defensive moves, though Kinsey, of Wales, once hit the post following a free kick by Burgess from the edge of the penalty area.

A draw seemed certain as the minutes ticked away but with four minutes left Clarke netted a deciding goal with a first-time shot after receiving from Ford, who was always doing good work.—Router.

**OTHER RESULTS**  
The following were the results of other football matches played today:

**First Division**  
Huddersfield Town 3, Sunderland 4. (This match was postponed from February 24).

**Third Division (Northern)**  
Tranmere Rovers 2, Mansfield Town 1. (This match was postponed from February 27).—Router.

The best match of the night's closely contested games should be the Men's Senior Singles encounter between former Shanghai Champion Bill Funk and Hongkong's former Junior Champion, Ramon Young.

Young's speed, stamina and spectacular though uncertain strokes will be pitted against Funk's experience, steadiness, and accurate though less spectacular strokes.

Young has the tendency to crack up in Championship matches and play much below his usual form and unless he produces his best form this evening the odds are with the steadier player.

## THE RESULTS

## Quarter-Finals

**Junior Men's Doubles:**  
Francis Rosario & Tony Souza beat Dr. H. F. Tai & W. N. Cheung 15-5, 15-3.

**Junior Men's Doubles:**  
Hooi Seng-tuck & Tan Leong-hong beat Tommy Rodrigues & Tony Remedios 15-10, 7-15, 15-6.

**Senior Mixed Doubles:**  
Low Keat-soo & Winnie Cheung beat Billy Soares & Gloria Silva 15-3, 15-4.

**Senior Men's Doubles:**  
C. K. Lee & W. F. Foo beat M. Lam & K. T. Lam 15-6, 15-12.

## TODAY'S GAMES

## At Craigengower

7.30 p.m. Schoolboy Doubles:  
—Bobby Hong & C. Y. Wong v S. N. Ng & Y. T. Hon.

8.00 Junior Mixed Doubles:  
—Charles Quinn & Yolly Quinn v K. Y. Tso & Mrs. W. G. Tso.

8.30 Junior Men's Doubles:  
—K. F. Chu & Austin Ho v Jack Brown & Billy Soares.

9.00 Senior Men's Singles:  
—Ramon Young v Bill Funk.

9.30 Senior Men's Doubles:  
—Robert Tay & Y. F. Young v Bill Gillies & Solomon Saul.

Then, however, they had the assistance of the abb tide whereas Cambridge had bad weather conditions yesterday as well as rough water through barge traffic on the river, and today the Oxford crew encountered such rough water at one stage that their boat was in danger of being swamped.

**GOOD PERFORMANCE**  
Considering all things, it was a good performance on the part of Oxford and while comparisons with Cambridge's time are not reliable the Oxford programme, taking into account the starting and finishing points, represented about four and a half lengths in favour of the Dark Blues.

Oxford were paced by a school crew at the start and started off at a good rate. Forced to cut their clip through the rough water, they finished strongly with a last minute of 34 and a half strokes.

The crew showed great strength and made full use of the stretchers. Cambridge, meanwhile, had two outings of short duration. Oxford expected to try their new boat tomorrow while Cambridge expect theirs early next week.—Router.

A Swede, Knut Malmgren, defeated L. T. Lee of Malaysia, 15-12, in the first round.

Wong Peng-soon, the Champion, moved into the third round of the Men's Singles with a hard-to-get victory over Swedish champion, Inge Blomberg, 15-4, 18-13.

The tall Swede put up strong resistance in the second game in which he led 11-6, 13-11. Wong then produced some of his best shots and overcame earlier inaccurate hitting to win seven points in a row.

Brotherly love, and partly a physical injury, induced David Choong of Malaysia to scratch to his brother Eddie in the third round of the singles. David, who has cartilage trouble, decided to reserve himself for the doubles.

David is two years older than Eddie, but since they have been playing in England Eddie has beaten David on each of the three occasions they have met in singles play.

## THE RESULTS

## MEN'S SINGLES

## First Round

S. Mohlin (Sweden) defeated B. Brownlee (South Africa), 15-3, 15-7.

N. Nygaard (Denmark) defeated R. Radford (England), 15-9, 15-13.

Cheong Hock-leng (Malaya) defeated I. Olsson (Denmark), 15-2, 15-9.

Nils Jonsson (Sweden) defeated W. Shute (England), 18-10, 11-15, 15-9.

**SECOND ROUND**  
Eddie Choong (Malaya) defeated D. B. Green (Ireland), 15-6, 15-13.

Slow Watt-soon (Malaya) defeated W. C. Rogers (England), 15-5, 11-15, 15-5.

Paul Holm (Denmark) defeated J. Lema (Bhutan) (Malaya), 14-17, 17-15, 15-10.

## WILL HE ECLIPSE EASTER HERO?



Arctic Gold, the brilliant six-year-old jumper, owned by the well-known American, Mr. J. H. Whitney, is to attempt to win the Cheltenham Gold Cup and the Grand National. The same owner just missed this valuable double in 1929 with famous Easter Hero which won the Gold Cup and finished second in the National.

Cheltenham started on Tuesday and the Gold Cup is to be run today. This picture shows Arctic Gold, ridden by Jerry Hamilton, head and to the trainer, Mr. Gerald Balding, during exercises on the Wiltshire Downs near Devizes.—Central Press Photo.

## 14 Entries For Inter-Hong Softball Series

By "GRANDSTAND"

The Inter-Hong Softball Series, organised under the auspices of the Hongkong Softball Association, is due to start this week with an all-time record of 14 teams lined up for the starter's gun in the race for the San Miguel Trophy.

Civil Service, who won the Trophy last year with a seven game winning streak, were among the last few entries received just before the deadline, while the three Oil Companies, who have been the backbone of the League, will vie for honours again.

Seven new entries have been received as definite proof of the growing popularity of this sport, but with the limited time available before the official close of the season, the Management Committee will be hard put to arrange a round robin with weekly games.

Complete list of entries is as follows: China Light, Union Insurance, Musicians' Union, Stanvac, Caltex, Shell, Lowe Bingham's, Mercantile Bank, Jardines, Civil Service, Netherlands Bank, Gibb Livingstone's and Rediffusion.

Civil Service seem to be the best bet again to run away with the Inter-Hong classic, as they round up a full team of active senior players from the various Government Departments. The acceptance of Civil Service into the league has been the subject of some comment among the contestants, and a murmur of discontent is growing. In the strict

sense of the word, a Hong is a business house, and we cannot agree that our government is in business.

**LADIES' JUNIOR LOOP**  
The Ladies' Junior League, which is also due to start as soon as the Senior League fixtures are over, will find several teams short-handed. Covers have already signified their intention of withdrawing owing to a depleted side, while the White Fangs will be without the services of the Arnelph sisters, as Cecile and Marie-Louise will be away on holiday by that time.

The Squaws were a happy outfit last week when they topped powerful St. Teresa's in their last appearance, and this hard-working outfit are even now considered favourites for the minor circuit.

Rennie Sequiera has done a good job with his coaching, and Bonnie Remedios, who was formerly content to toss over marshmallow pitches, has added some speed to her deliveries.

What has surprised fans most is that the Squaws seem to be better now with the departure of sluggers Joyce Guest and Sheila Howard. Could it be possible that talent was hidden all this while?

The long-awaited St. Joseph's v South China playoff for the Playoffs is slated for this Sunday at 11.00 a.m. when a record crowd of fans will be out at King's Park watching this final scuffle between two rival teams with all the chips laid on the line.

**WEEK-END PROGRAMME**  
The week-end programme with umpires and scorers is:

**SATURDAY**  
Junior League  
2.00 p.m. Blackhaws v Rexes (Playoff)

(Charlie Figueiredo, Tony Rey, Terry Lucido, Bimby Abiong).

3.30 p.m. Aces v Mustangs  
(Rennie Barretto, Miskin Samy, A. Tippi, Samet Samy).

**SUNDAY**  
Junior League  
9.30 a.m. Dragons v Delawares (Steven Xavier, L. Castro, G. Pang, Hal Wingle).

Senior League  
11.00 a.m. St. Joseph's v South China (Playoff)

(Don Robbins, Tiger Hussain, Bob Lo, Irene Botelho).

12.30 p.m. St. Teresa's v Panthers  
(Tony Kwok, Carlos Yvanovich, Tony Osmund, R. Nemes).

2.00 p.m. Overseas v Braves (Hal Wingle, Chev Tsoi, P. K. Lau, F. Diesta).

3.30 p.m. Madcaps v Jaguars (Frank Ewings, Ed Lawrence, A. Wright, Ken Barretto).

**HOW THEY STAND**  
SENIOR LEAGUE  
Won Lost Pctg

Blues: 11 0 1.000  
Braves: 9 0 1.000  
Panthers: 8 4 .667  
Overseas: 6 5 .545

Jaguars: 10 1 .909  
St. Joseph's: 9 3 .750  
South China: 9 3 .750  
Madcaps: 9 4 .692

**JUNIOR LEAGUE PLAYOFF**  
Dragons: 3 0 1.000  
Delawares: 1 1 .500  
Rexes: 1 1 .500  
Blackhaws: 0 3 .000

**WOMEN'S SINGLES**  
Mrs. Tony Ahm, the Danish holder of the women's singles crown, opened the defence of her title with a comfortable second-round win over Mrs. C. Mackay of Scotland, 11-4, 11-3.

Two other second-round Danish victories were scored by

Optimists XI against the Army in a First Division Cricket League match on Saturday, March 10 at Chater Road, commencing 1.45 p.m. will be N. E. Arthy, L. D. Kilbee, G. T. Rowe, R. G. Craig, A. P. Raynor, R. M. Macpherson, N. R. Oliver, G. H. P. Pritchard, R. Thorne-Edder, L. White, A. L. Smith and F. Thorpe (captain). 8/Ldr. E. Lewis (umpire).

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There are twelve races each day (24 in all).

Through Tickets at \$48.00 each may be obtained at the Comptroller Office of the Treasurers, 1st floor, Telephone House, also tickets at \$2.00 each for the Special Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Hong Kong Derby" scheduled to be run on Saturday, 12th May.

Through Tickets reserved for this Meeting but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 23rd March, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Offices at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at:

5, D'Agular Street, Hong Kong

382, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

## MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

SETS OF MEMBERS AND LADIES' BADGES WHICH WERE ISSUED FOR THE 1950 RACING SEASON ARE VALID FOR THIS MEETING. THE NEW SETS OF BADGES WILL NOT BE VALID UNTIL 1ST APRIL 1951.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Office will close at 10.00 a.m. each day. Both offices at 1st floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tifflms will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

## PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

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## SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the present congestion in the Members' Betting Hall, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various entrances to the Members' Hall to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

BY ORDER,

S. A. Blythe,

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"SINKIANG"	Singapore & Djakarta	3 p.m. 12th Mar.
"SHANGHAI"	Bangkok	5 p.m. 12th Mar.
"SHENKING"	Keelung	5 p.m. 14th Mar.
"Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama"		5 p.m. 19th Mar.
"BOOCHOW"	Tokyo, Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	5 p.m. 19th Mar.
"TUNNAN"	Bangkok	5 p.m. 21st Mar.
"TUPPER"	Tsingtao & Tientsin	5 p.m. 23rd Mar.

## ARRIVALS FROM

"SHANGHAI"	Kobe	7 a.m. 10th Mar.
"SHENKING"	Keelung	7 a.m. 13th Mar.
"SINKIANG"	Singapore	14th Mar.
"SHANGHAI"	Singapore	15/16th Mar.
"HANYANG"	Tientsin & Tsingtao	18th Mar.
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## ARRIVALS FROM

"CHANGTIE"	Yokohama	13th Mar.
"TAIPING"	Japan	25th Mar.
"TAIYUAN"	Sydney & Ports	4th Apr.

## BLUE FUNNEL LINE

Scheduled Sailings to Europe via Aden &amp; Port Said

"TELEUS"	Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	10th Mar.
"CALCHAS"	Dublin & Liverpool	25th Mar.
"AGAPENOR"	Genoa, Cuxabance, London, Holland & Hamburg	28th Mar.
"PATROCLUS"	Marseilles Liverpool & Glasgow	6th Apr.

Scheduled Sailings from Europe

Sails	Arrives	Departs
S. "AGAPENOR"	Liverpool	14th Mar.
G. "PATROCLUS"	14th Feb.	22nd Mar.
S. "AENEAS"	21st Feb.	1st Apr.
G. "AUTOMEDON"	4th Mar.	12th Apr.
G. "MYRMIDON"	7th Mar.	13th Apr.
G. "PROMETHEUS"	10th Mar.	15th Apr.
G. "PERSEUS"	18th Mar.	26th Apr.
G. "BELLEPHON"	21st Mar.	2nd May
G. "ANTIOCHUS"	4th Apr.	9th May

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HK/Manila/B.N. Borneo (DC-3)	6.30 a.m. Mon. 4.00 p.m. Tues.	
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"BENALDER"	do	7th Apr.
"BENAVON"	do	24th Apr.
"BENALBANACH"	do	2nd May
"BENVENUE"	do	10th May

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"BENVORLICH"	Liverpool & Rotterdam	17th Mar.
"BENALDER"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin & Rotterdam	12th Apr.
"BENAVON"	do	14th May
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Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifty-eighth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Friday, the 9th day of March, 1951, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the Reports of the Directors and of Auditors and the Profit & Loss Account and the Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1950, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The Register of Transfers of the Company will be closed from Monday, the 26th of February to Friday, the 9th of March, 1951, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
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## NOTICE

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on Friday, 16th March, 1951, at 12 Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with the Statement of Accounts for the period ended 31st October, 1950, and to elect Directors, and to appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 3rd March, 1951, to Friday, 16th March, 1951, both days inclusive.

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Bonn, Mar. 7.  
The Western Allies have told West Germany that they "could not guarantee" to have a West German call for free all-German elections put on the agenda of a Big Four Conference, an Allied spokesman said here today.

He was correcting West German reports that the Allies had "rejected" such a request from the Federal Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer.  
The Allies informed Dr. Adenauer that Germany would be certain to come up at the Big Four meeting, but they had first to discuss with the Russians before arriving at a specific agenda.—Reuter.

# Imperial Cable Chief Awaited

London, Mar. 7.  
Mr. Ness Edwards, the Postmaster General, said today he was pressing other Commonwealth Governments to come to a decision urgently on the appointment of a chairman on the Imperial Telecommunications Board.

He had been asked in the House of Commons when the vacancy would be filled.  
He added that under the Commonwealth Telecommunications Agreement, the chairman of the Board was to be appointed jointly by the partner Governments, who were considering the matter.—Reuter.

# They Pulled Up Their Socks

Korea, Mar. 7.  
United States infantrymen were faced with a sock shortage today, but it did not take the Air Force long to end it.  
The GIs had no more dry socks left after fighting through rivers of mud, and a huge C-119 Flying Boxcar flew over the 24th Division area and dropped 25,000 pairs of new woolen socks.—United Press.

## Seeds and Oils

New York, Mar. 7.  
Prices in the seeds and oils market here closed today unchanged with the following exceptions:  
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# Co-ordinated Aid Schemes Urged By Bank President

Santiago, Chile, Mar. 7.

Mr Eugene Black, President of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, today urged that international organisations co-ordinate development programmes for the world's backward areas.

In a speech prepared for delivery to the United Nations Economic and Social Council here, he said that there was a bewildering multiplicity of channels through which the backward areas were being offered aid.

"Some of the assisting countries are proceeding on a purely national basis," he added. "Others are acting through a variety of instruments, both national and international, without much integration among them."

International agencies, besides being potentially the most efficient for such work, would be charged with the task of co-ordinating the different countries, Mr Black said.

Mr Black suggested that the United Nations and its specialised agencies take a stronger lead in working with member countries on development and related problems.

He declared: "This is the challenge facing the International Bank and other specialised agencies of the United Nations today—to show, by doing, that they deserve to be given key responsibility."

**FUNDAMENTAL FACT**  
Mr Black said that because of the Korean war the availability of Bank funds no longer meant that supplies and equipment required for development would be easily available.

"The dramatic efforts now proceeding in many parts of the world are pre-empting materials, machines and manpower which otherwise could be used to create more wealth and higher standards of living," he explained.

# Mystery Flash In Sky

Santa Fe, New Mexico, Mar. 7.

The authorities today attempted to trace a brilliant "fireball" that flashed across the sky and exploded with a deafening roar, apparently in the Chaco Hills of northeastern New Mexico.

Dr. Lincoln Lopez, University of New Mexico meteorite expert, said he had received reports of a "fireball" from Albuquerque, Las Vegas, Clayton, Roswell and Santa Fe. State Police Captain P. Winston said residents of Roswell, New Mexico, reported an explosion which rattled the windows of their houses.—United Press.





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From Japan 24th Mar.  
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## The Rubber Hectic Time Ahead In Cotton

New York, Mar. 7.  
Rubber futures closed 100 points lower, with sales of 8 contracts. Prices eased in sympathy with the collapse in tin prices and on apprehension that restrictions on rubber stockpiling at the current prices may be made by the United States. Prices closed today as follows:—

Spot 71.00  
March 72.00 traded  
May 72.00 bid  
July 69.00 bid  
—United Press.

### LONDON MARKET

Prices of rubber futures closed here today as follows:—  
Number 1 rubber, 70 1/2-71 1/2  
April/June 69 1/2-70 1/2  
July/September 68 1/2-69 1/2  
October/December 67 1/2-68 1/2  
—United Press.

### SPORE MARKET

Prices of rubber futures closed here today as follows:—  
Number 1 rubber, 22 1/2-23 1/2  
Number 2 rubber, 21 1/2-22 1/2  
Number 3 rubber, 20 1/2-21 1/2  
Number 4 rubber, 19 1/2-20 1/2  
Spot rubber, 18 1/2-19 1/2  
Black crepe, 15 1/2-16 1/2  
No. 1 pale crepe, 14 1/2-15 1/2  
—United Press.

### Exchanges In NY

New York, Mar. 7.  
Closing foreign exchange:—  
Canadian dollar, 67 1/2-68 1/2  
Green British, 64 1/2-65 1/2  
—United Press.

## Widening Demand For Auto Shares

### LEADS TO GAINS IN WALL ST.

New York, Mar. 7.  
Widening demand for automobile shares spread through the stock market today and pushed prices higher all around. Gains were not spectacular, most of them being around a dollar. There also were some scattered losses, but they were not enough to bring the market down. Volume of trading expanded to nearly 2,000,000 shares. Packard and General Motors were most active, as they were on Tuesday on the basis of G.M. earnings and Packard war orders. Chrysler and Studebaker today, however, made the best progress in price. Stocks and bonds joined in the rally. Both Eastern Kodak and Disasters Corporation made a fine showing in their own sections after good earnings reports.

Glenn Martin forged ahead in aircrafts. The company announced its fourth order from the Navy for its new anti-submarine plane. The curb market held a slight edge on the upside. Moving up were Hartford Rayon, Northeast Airlines, Raytheon, Apex Electrical, Cosden Petroleum and Electric Bond and Share.

Long-term bank-eligible Government bonds steadied somewhat in quiet trading on the bond market.

Dow Jones averages:

Stocks 93.93  
20 Industrials 252.45  
15 Rails 85.01  
10 Utilities 43.42  
—Associated Press.

## Grain Price In Chicago

Chicago, Mar. 7.

Prices of grain futures closed here today as follows:—

Wheat—price per bushel:  
Spot 2.46  
March 2.46 1/2  
May 2.46 1/2  
July 2.46 1/2  
September 2.46 1/2  
December 2.46 1/2  
Corn  
Spot 1.03  
March 1.03 1/2  
May 1.03 1/2  
July 1.03 1/2  
September 1.03 1/2  
December 1.03 1/2  
Oats  
Spot 0.91 1/2  
March 0.91 1/2  
May 0.91 1/2  
July 0.91 1/2  
September 0.91 1/2  
December 0.91 1/2  
Rye  
Spot 1.80 1/2  
March 1.80 1/2  
May 1.80 1/2  
July 1.80 1/2  
September 1.80 1/2  
December 1.80 1/2  
Soybeans  
Spot 1.00 1/2  
March 1.00 1/2  
May 1.00 1/2  
July 1.00 1/2  
September 1.00 1/2  
December 1.00 1/2  
—United Press.

## Anglo-Argentine Trade Talks

Buenos Aires, Mar. 7.  
The heads of the British and Argentine delegations to the trade talks held a two-hour closed conference this evening, substituting it for the plenary meeting of the Anglo-Argentine Commission.

At the end of the conference, the British representative, Mr. Edwards, said he and the Argentine delegate had a cordial and long exchange of viewpoints and ideas on all problems of Anglo-Argentine trade with no specific reference to any problem. He declined to amplify his statement, but said the plenary meeting was called off because he and the Argentine representative thought it better to have this meeting first.—United Press.

## Ordered To Use Less Steel

Washington, Mar. 7.  
The U.S. Government today ordered the makers of 150 consumer durable goods, ranging from cars to pocket-knives, to use less steel.

They will be limited during the second quarter of 1951 to 20 percent less than they used during an average quarter in the first half of 1950.—Associated Press.

## Price Increases In Cars

Washington, Mar. 7.  
Automobile dealers were given Government permission today to increase the retail prices of new cars in order to offset higher prices charged by manufacturers. An order from the Office of Price Stabilization authorized them to pass on to customers the exact amount of any increase made by a manufacturer under a March 2 order which allowed dealers to increase their prices 3 1/2 percent.—Associated Press.

### New York Metals

New York, Mar. 7.  
Prices in the metal market here closed today unchanged with the following exceptions:—  
Tin, Grade A (99.50 per cent or higher)  
New York, per lb. 1.04  
Copper (electrolytic, export)  
F.O.B.  
New York, per lb. 20.  
Lead, Common, New York, per lb. 18 1/4-19.—United Press.

# American Tin Decision Causes Sharp Drops In World Markets

(OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Mar. 7.

Suspension of all new purchases of tin for the American stockpile will probably bring the price of the metal down to about £1,000 a ton from its present level of £1,325 a ton within a few days, it is authoritatively believed here.

Before the London Metal Exchange opened this morning dealers were speaking of an immediate fall of about £100 in price.

But it is not believed that all American purchases of tin will cease. It is pointed out that America still has long-term contracts with Indonesia and Belgium for the purchase of tin and these contracts are not thought to be affected by the American decision.

The price which the Americans pay for tin under these contracts, however, is pegged to the current world price, and if the Americans succeed in forcing down the price by boycotting the world market—as it is believed they will—the tin they obtain under contracts will be correspondingly cheaper.

The Americans are thought to be thinking in terms of tin at about £970 to £1,000 a ton—that is the average price ruling from the outbreak of the Korean war to the end of last year. This is the "reasonable price" they are believed to have in mind.

But it being stressed strongly in London that the Americans have very little cause to complain about the current world trend of raw material prices. It was pointed out today by a company which deals not only in tin but in all non-ferrous metals that the price of American tin has risen by 300 per cent and moreover the metal cannot be obtained.

Now they are "squealing" because the price of tin has risen by 80 per cent. Nobody here is prepared to predict the full effect of the American decision on the tin price but it is believed that there will be a big reduction in price due to lack of buyers during the next few days. Tin is extremely sensitive to world conditions and when the world's biggest buyer withdraws from the market and the commodity is in fairly easy supply, as it is at present, the result is obvious.

A SENATE preparedness sub-committee's report on the price of tin, with its reference to "price gouging," still ripples here. Some quarters of the London metal trade believe that Americans are holding a pistol to the producers' head before pressing the demand for international allocation of tin.

A report from America today says the American Bureau of Mines, a Government department, states that free stock of tin in America at present—outside the stockpile—would be enough to meet the basic needs of the industry for two years. "On that basis," the Bureau says, "tin producers are going to have an awful lot of tin on their hands if they want to delay being reasonable about prices."

It would seem, therefore, that the Americans are now threatening tin producers with a hard-line surplus—possibly which they refused to acknowledge when the producers asked for international control at Geneva last November.

**PRICES SLUMP**  
New York, Mar. 7.  
Tin prices in the world's three leading tin markets—Singapore, London and New York—nose-dived today in the wake of the Washington decision to stop stockpiling tin until costs reach a "reasonable level."

At Singapore, tin skidded the equivalent of 6 1/2 cents a pound from Tuesday's close. At New York, late today, spot tin sold at \$1.62 a pound, off 1 1/2 cents from Tuesday's final price.

American stockpiling of the strategic metal has been a mainstay of the world tin market for many months. Private importing there had been virtually at a standstill since the general price freeze late in January, but foreign prices continued to rise. Brokers in Singapore said speculators kept bidding quotations higher in the belief that defence needs would eventually force U.S. buyers to re-enter the market.

At today's New York price of \$1.62, tin was selling about 19 to 21 cents below most importers' price ceilings. Before the Korean war began, tin cost 70 cents a pound.

**FURTHER DECLINES?**  
New York trade sources said the price weakness reflected the opinion of many traders that with the Government out of the market as a buyer, tin supplies would be more the adequate to meet all demands in the U.S. in view of restrictions on use of the metal for non-defence purposes. The New York market was unsettled.

The Singapore decline was the sharpest for a single day since mid-February when the metal reached a record price of \$783 (6 shillings) a picul. There have been slow declines since then. One of Singapore's leading tin brokers said the U.S. announcement caused considerable nervousness and he forecast further price declines.

## London Stock Exchange Unsettled

London, Mar. 7.

The Stock Exchange was unsettled but mainly easier today. Falls were particularly marked in oils but final levels generally were above the lowest. Rubbers and tin met fresh selling and there was dullness in foreign bonds and gold shares. Industrials and gilt-edged were quietly maintained.

News of the assassination of Persian Premier Ali Razvi dropped Anglo-Iranian Oil shares to 115 shillings. The stock rallied to 117 1/2 at the close.

Suspension of U.S. stockpiling brought tin shares down 2/10 to 30/—  
Financial Times' index 121.0.  
—Associated Press.

## New York Sugar Futures

New York, Mar. 7.

World sugar futures closed today 1 to 2 higher, with sales totalling 351 contracts.

Contract No. 6 closed today 1 higher to 3 lower, with sales totalling 270 contracts. Prices closed today as follows:  
Contract No. 4 (world) 5.40 bid  
May 5.40 bid  
July 5.40 bid  
September 5.10 nominal  
Spot 5.40  
Contract No. 6  
May 5.40 bid  
July 5.40 bid  
September 5.40 bid  
Spot 5.40  
—United Press.

## COTTON TEXTILE MARKET

New York, Mar. 7.

The cotton textile market was quiet today, awaiting the reopening of the country's cotton exchanges now that the Office of Price Stabilization has established a flat ceiling price of 539 cents a pound on futures. The New York Cotton Exchange will resume trading on Thursday.

The wool goods market was quiet. Washington price officials were still studying the entire wool problem with a view to clarifying ceiling regulations. The rayon goods market was dull.—Associated Press.

## NEW YORK BANK QUOTATIONS

New York, Mar. 7.

Bank quotations:—  
Bank of America 25 1/2 bid  
Chase National Bank 25 1/2 asked  
National City Bank 25 1/2 bid  
—Associated Press.

### Pepper Stocks Drop

New York, Mar. 7.

Stocks of black pepper in licensed warehouses during February dropped to 233 bags of 140 pounds each, the smallest total in the records of the New York Produce Exchange. At the end of January stocks totalled 1,893 bags. There were no February receipts while withdrawals amounted to 1,660 bags.

The largest amount of pepper held in licensed warehouses was 873,627 bags, reported on April 13, 1939.—United Press.

### BANK DIVIDEND

The Board of Directors of the Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., have recommended payment of a final dividend of six per cent, less income tax, making 12 per cent in all for the year 1950.

### Copra Dullness

The New York, Mar. 7.  
The copra market here was dull, with prices holding at \$267.50 per ton, C.I.F. The Pacific Coast Coconut oil was offered at 23 cents a pound, F.O.B. mill.—United Press.

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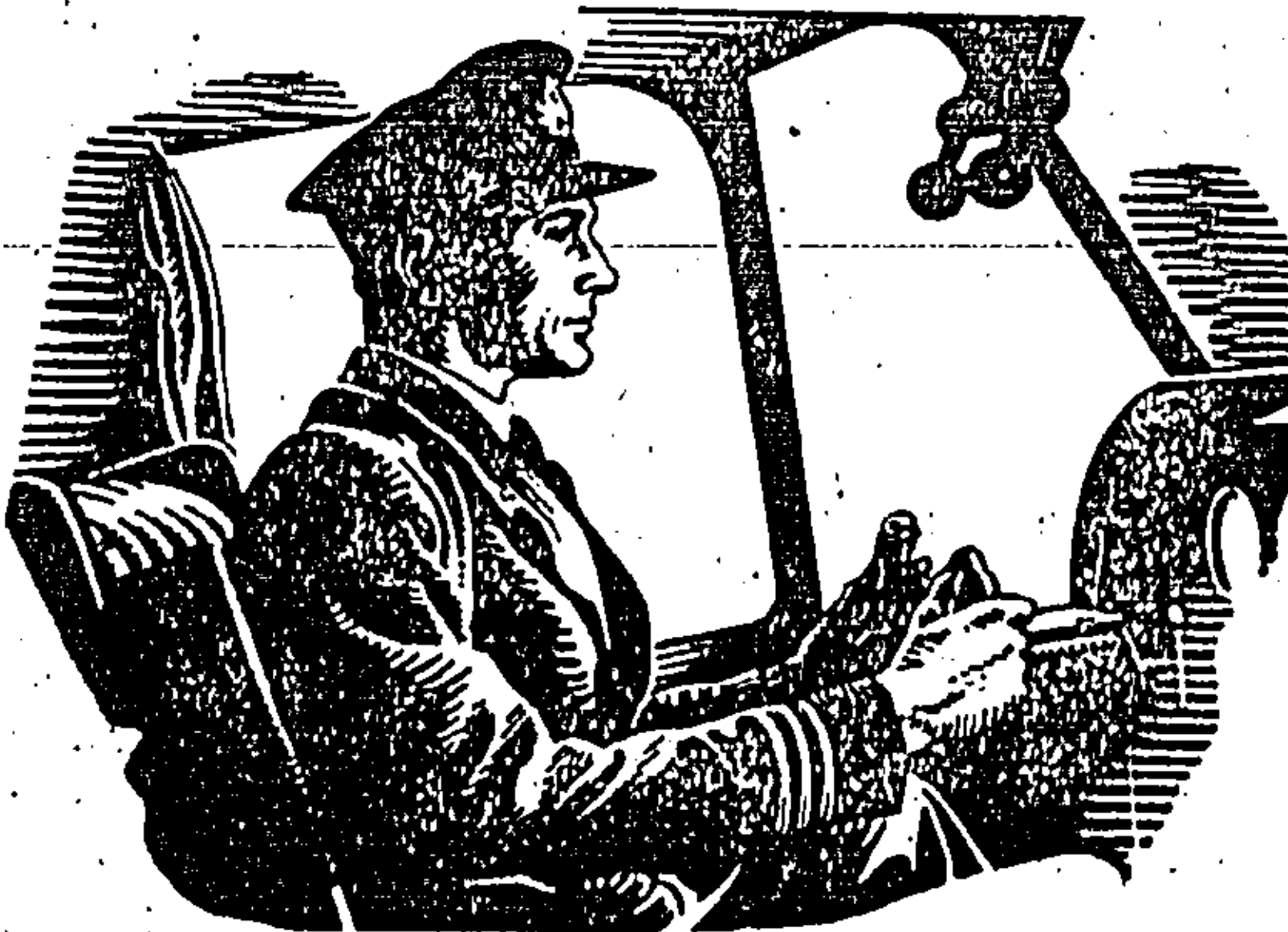
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